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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SEWELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 15, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TERRI A. SEWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Everlasting God, hear our prayer as we make our requests, spoken and unspoken, known to You.

Relieve us from any anxiety that prevents us from believing in and living into Your gracious plan for these days.

Remind us to look not to our own interests but to the good of this country and its people as we move forward.

Reveal to us that which is true, honorable, just, and pure. And may we, in all that we say and do, be guided by these things in serving Your people.

This is the day that You have made, and we lay before You all our plans and purposes. May our lives today and always reflect both the joy and the hope we find, not in our own accomplishments, but only in You, that all will know Your forbearance with us and Your sacrificial love for us.

We pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Reso-

lution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 5, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Growing up in New Orleans East playing little league it never occurred to me that I would one day represent Louisiana's Second Congressional District. After graduating from Benjamin Franklin High School, I left New Orleans briefly to attend Morehouse College before returning home to attend Tulane University Law School. Never leaving those same little league fields as a volunteer coach I saw the needs of my community and hoped that I could make a difference.

Twenty years ago, I was first elected to represent New Orleans and every day since I strived to live up to the trust my friends, family, and community have placed in me. During that time, I have started my own family, stood side by side with my constituents through multiple disasters, and experienced joy and sorrow. Through it all, it has been an honor and a privilege to represent my home. I am eternally grateful to my constituents for giving me this opportunity.

New Orleans will always be home, but it is time to represent my community in a different way. I am writing to resign my seat in

the United States House of Representatives effective January 15, 2021. I would like to thank you and all my colleagues for working together to try and improve the lives of our constituents and make our country a more perfect union.

Sincerely,

CEDRIC L. RICHMOND.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 5, 2020.

Hon. R. KYLE ARDOIN,
Secretary of State, State of Louisiana,
Baton Rouge, LA.

DEAR SECRETARY ARDOIN: Attached is my letter to Speaker Pelosi resigning my seat in the United States House of Representatives and my letter requesting Governor Edwards to call a special election to fill the seat as soon as possible. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CEDRIC L. RICHMOND.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. RICHMOND) the whole number of the House is 432.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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